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H.R. 4495 - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the “Jim Kolbe Post Office.” (Giffords, D-AZ)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 4495 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 North Taylor Lane in Patagonia, Arizona, as the “Jim Kolbe Post Office.”

Additional Information: Former Congressman Jim Kolbe represented the 8th District of Arizona from 1985 to 2007. He also served his country in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1969, and in the United States Naval Reserves from 1970 to 1977. Prior to being a Member of the United States Congress, he was a member of the Arizona State Senate from 1977 to 1982. He currently serves as a Senior Transatlantic Fellow for the German Marshall Fund.

Committee Action: H.R. 4495 was introduced on January 21, 2010 and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup and passed the legislation.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 4495 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 957 - Honoring Jimmie Johnson, 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Champion (McHenry, R-NC)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 957 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the historic achievements of Jimmie Kenneth Johnson and the #48 Lowe's Chevrolet team.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Jimmie Kenneth Johnson, born in El Cajon, California, and a resident of Charlotte, North Carolina, successfully defended his Sprint Cup Championships from 2006, 2007, and 2008;
- “Jimmie Johnson's #48 Lowe's Chevrolet is backed by the finest team in motorsports, including Crew Chief Chad Knaus, Team Owner Rick Hendrick, and Car Owner, and racing legend Jeff Gordon; and
- “Jimmie Kenneth Johnson's remarkable contributions to NASCAR and the communities of El Cajon, California, and Charlotte, North Carolina.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 957 was introduced on December 8, 2009, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1014 - Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of North American Inclusion Month. (Towns, D-NY)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1014 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes and supports the goals and ideals of North American Inclusion Month.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “One in every five Americans struggles with some sort of disability, be it intellectual, physical or otherwise, and the need for inclusion of individuals with disabilities is a family, community, and national priority;
- “A similar ratio exists in the Jewish community, with over one million Jewish individuals living with a form of disability;;
- “Yachad, the National Jewish Council for Disabilities, and its parent organization, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, is dedicated to addressing the needs of all individuals with disabilities and including them in the Jewish community;

- “Yachad provides programming for individuals with disabilities and their families to foster inclusion in communal happenings and assists in placing individuals with disabilities in employment; and
- “Yachad and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America are cosponsoring North American Inclusion Month in February to increase public awareness of the life circumstances of individuals with disabilities, and the need for increased employment opportunities, better special education and increased inclusion of these individuals on the family, communal, and national levels.”

Additional Information: [Yachad](#), the National Jewish Council for Disabilities, “is dedicated to enhancing the life opportunities of individuals with disabilities, ensuring their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life. Yachad members participate in [activities](#) each month. There are Yachad Chapters located throughout the United States and Canada.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1014 was introduced on January 13, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The committee held a markup and agreed to the resolution on Wednesday, January 27, 2010.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1043 - Recognizing Brescia University for 60 years of leadership in higher education. (Guthrie, R-KY)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1043 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes Brescia University for 60 years of service as an institution of higher education; and
- “Commends Brescia University for leadership and service to students and the community of Owensboro, Kentucky, and the surrounding region.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Brescia University was founded in 1950;
- “Brescia University is a Catholic University located in Owensboro, Kentucky;
- “Brescia University emphasizes ‘Making a difference’, encouraging students to serve others in the community, and has established a history of serving Owensboro, Kentucky, and the surrounding region; and
- “For 60 years, Brescia University has provided a quality liberal arts education and worked to prepare its students for successful careers and service to others.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1043 was introduced on January 21, 2010 and referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the bill does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H. Res. 901 - Recognizing November 14, 2009, as the 49th anniversary
of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans, Louisiana.
(Moore, D-WI)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 901 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the 49th anniversary of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans, Louisiana;
- “Remembers Judge J. Skelly Wright for his advocacy, support, and lifelong commitment to promoting civil rights, fairness, and equality;
- “Commends Ruby Bridges for her bravery and courage 49 years ago, and for her lifetime commitment to raising awareness of diversity through improved educational opportunities for all children;
- “Supports policies and efforts to--
 - “Close the achievement gap in the schools of our Nation;
 - “Improve the high school graduation rate for all students;
 - “Strengthen the ability of all students to attend and complete post-secondary education; and
 - “Promote the benefits of school integration throughout the educational careers of students; and
- “Congratulates all the individuals who have dedicated their lives to the field of education and to promoting equal opportunities for all students regardless of the backgrounds of the students.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment to the Constitution;
- “Judge J. Skelly Wright, of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, ordered the Orleans Parish School Board to develop a school desegregation plan in 1956 and, after years of delay, in 1960, ordered the Orleans Parish School Board to carry out a plan designed by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana;
- “6 years after the *Brown v. Board of Education* (347 U.S. 483) decision, on November 14, 1960, Ruby Bridges, at the age of 6, became the first African-American student to attend the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana;
- “Ruby Bridges established the Ruby Bridges Foundation in 1999 to help eliminate racism and improve society by educating students about the experiences of Ruby Bridges, discuss ongoing efforts to promote diversity, and provide lessons students can take back to their own communities; and
- “In 2002, the Ruby Bridges Foundation, along with the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum for Tolerance in Los Angeles, launched The Ruby's Bridges Project, a program that brought together students from diverse backgrounds to develop relationship-building skills and promote an appreciation of one another.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 901 was introduced on November 6, 2013 and was referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: No committee report citing Constitutional Authority was available.

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H. Res. 1022 - Honoring the life and sacrifice of Medgar Evers and congratulating the United States Navy for naming a supply ship after Medgar Evers. (Johnson, D-GA)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1022 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the life and sacrifice of Medgar Evers;
- “Recognizes the important role Mr. Evers played in securing civil rights for all people in the United States; and
- “Congratulates the United States Navy for honoring Medgar Evers by naming the United States Naval Ship Medgar Evers after him.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Dr. Howard, as President of the Regional Council of Negro Leadership, helped to introduce Mr. Evers to civil rights activism;
- “Mr. Evers was hired as a field secretary for the NAACP;
- “Mr. Evers was the target of a number of death threats as a result of his activism;
- “Mr. Evers was assassinated in the driveway of his home in Jackson after returning from a meeting with NAACP lawyers on June 12, 1963;
- “The death of Mr. Evers helped to prompt President John F. Kennedy to ask Congress for a comprehensive civil rights bill; and
- “On October 9, 2009, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus announced that the United States Naval Ship (USNS) Medgar Evers (T-AKE-13), a Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ship, will be named after Mr. Evers.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1022 was introduced on January 20, 2010 and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Armed Services Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and no explanation in the accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: No committee report citing Constitutional Authority was available.

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H.Res. 960 - Expressing support for designation of January 2010 as "National Stalking Awareness Month" to raise awareness and encourage prevention of stalking. (Poe, R-TX)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1024 resolves that:

- “Supports the designation of ‘National Stalking Awareness Month’ to educate the people of the United States about stalking;
- “Encourages the people of the United States to applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking;
- “Encourages policymakers, criminal justice officials, victim service and social service agencies, colleges and universities, nonprofits, and others to recognize the need to increase awareness of stalking and the availability of services for stalking victims; and
- “Urges national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media to promote awareness of the crime of stalking through ‘National Stalking Awareness Month!’.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “81 percent of women, who are stalked by an intimate partner, are also physically assaulted by that partner, and 76 percent of women, who are killed by an intimate partner, were also stalked by that intimate partner;
- “Stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as changing jobs, obtaining protection orders, relocating, and changing their identities;
- “Approximately 130,000 victims reported having been fired or asked to leave their job because of the stalking, and about 1 in 8 lost time from work because they feared for their safety or were taking steps, such as seeking a restraining order, to protect themselves;
- “Stalking is a crime under Federal law and under the laws of all 50 States, the United States Territories, the District of Columbia, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and
- “2010 marks 10 years in which the Stalking Resource Center has increased national awareness of stalking and enhanced local responses to stalking victims through training over 35,000 law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers, and other community stakeholders, and provided assistance to jurisdictions working to enhance their stalking laws.”

Additional Information: The [Stalking Resource Center](#) is a program of the National Center for Victims of Crime, which is supported by grants awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, under the U.S. Department of Justice. [ExpectMore.Gov](#) has deemed programs under the Office on Violence Against Women to be moderately effective. This rating encompasses all programs under the Office on Violence Against Women, a rating for the performance of the Stalking Resource Center is unavailable.

Committee Action: H.Res. 960 was introduced on December 9, 2009, and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**S. 2950 - To extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks
(*Sen. Schumer, D-NY*)**

Order of Business: S. 2950 scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: S. 2950 extends the Child Safety Pilot Program by 14 months.

Additional Information: The Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act of 2003 was signed into law by President George W. Bush on April 30, 2003. This legislation strengthened several laws dealing with the prosecution and law enforcement of crimes involving children. Established in the PROTECT Act was a pilot program for a national criminal history background check system to enable volunteer groups—such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, National Mentoring Partnership, and the National Council for Youth Sports—to obtain national and state criminal history background checks for adults. The Child Safety Pilot program uses fingerprints to search the database of the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Committee Action: S. 2950 was introduced on January 25, 2010 and passed the Senate by unanimous consent. It was then referred to the House Committee on Judiciary where no further action was taken.

Cost to Taxpayers: No CBO score is available.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates? No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits? A Committee Report citing compliance with rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits was not available. Such a report is not required because the bill is being considered under a suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A Committee Report citing constitutional authority was not available.

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**H.Res. 1044 - Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration and extermination camp, honoring the victims of the Holocaust, and expressing commitment to strengthen the fight against bigotry and intolerance
(Ros-Lehtien, R-FL)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1044 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Commemorates the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz;
- “Honors the victims of Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration and extermination camps, and all those who perished at the hands of the Nazis;
- “Expresses gratitude to the Allied soldiers, underground fighters, and all those whose efforts helped defeat the Nazi regime and liberate Auschwitz and other concentration and extermination camps during World War II;
- “Reaffirms its commitment to enhance Holocaust education at home and abroad and to ensure that what happened in Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration and extermination camps is never allowed to happen again; and
- “Urges all countries to enhance their efforts to combat bigotry, racism, intolerance, and anti-Semitism.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “During the Holocaust, an estimated 6,000,000 Jews and other targeted groups were murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators;
- “On January 27, 1945, Auschwitz, a Nazi concentration and extermination camp, was liberated by the Allied Forces;
- “Auschwitz, located in Poland, was the largest complex of the Nazi concentration and extermination camps;
- “According to the Holocaust Memorial Museum, between 1940 and 1945, the Nazis deported at a minimum 1,300,000 people to Auschwitz, and of these, murdered 1,100,000;
- “Holocaust education and efforts to bolster the fight against bigotry, racism, intolerance, and anti-Semitism are necessary to ensure that the atrocities witnessed by the world during the Holocaust are never repeated.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1044 was introduced on January 27, 2010, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee reporting citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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